

**REMARKS**


The Examiner is thanked for the indicated allowance of claims 1-16, in the Office Action mailed December 30, 2005. By the present amendments, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 16 consistent with amendments thereto suggested by the Examiner under the heading "Claim Objections" in Item 2 on pages 2-4 of this Office Action mailed December 30, 2005. The Examiner is thanked for these suggestions. In light of these amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the claim objections in the Office Action mailed December 30, 2005, are moot.

In view of the foregoing, and noting that the claims in the above-identified application have been allowed, passing of the above-identified application to issue in due course, after entry of the present amendments, is respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 1374.43187X00), and credit any excess payment of fees to such Deposit Account.

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